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Conference On S.E. Asia Famine

Singapore, May 12. A three day conference on nutrition will begin here on Monday to consider what measures can be taken to cope with the threat of famine in South-east Asia.

The conference has been called by Lord Kilgore, British Special Commissioner, and representatives will be present from India, Australia, Burma, Ceylon, Malaya and possible from General Douglas MacArthur's staff.

The "Malaya Tribune," commenting on the present food situation, said: "Unless Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, secures the restoration of the Combined Food Board's cut during his visit to the United States, Malaya will face the prospect of drastic reductions in rice and flour rations."

The present standard of seven ounces of rice daily may be halved and rice reduced to two ounces daily.

The newspaper, speaking of the urgency for encouraging food schemes, suggests putting Japanese prisoners, many of whom are skilled rice farmers, on the land and the removal of the restriction barring Chinese from rice cultivation in Malaya. —Reuter.

Bases In The Pacific For U.S.

Washington, May 12. Negotiations are under way between the United States and Britain for American acquisition of a number of Pacific Ocean bases, including Christmas Island, Canton, the Funafuti and several others.

The move is in line with a recommendation of a House of Representatives subcommittee which proposed that "the United States should be given specific and substantial rights to sites" in the Pacific that are necessary to its defence.

Canton Island was mentioned specifically in the report as one of the places where America should maintain bases for land and sea planes.

A State Department spokesman said the ownership of Canton, Christmas and the Funafuti Islands had been in dispute for nearly 50 years. Canton Island is now controlled jointly by England and the United States. —Associated Press.

A SCIENCE WE MUST LEARN

New York, May 12. President Truman declared in a speech today that until the world learns the science of human relationship "the atomic bomb will remain a frightful weapon which threatens to destroy all of us."

"Ignorance and its handmaidens, prejudice, intolerance and suspicion of our fellow men, breed dictators. They breed wars. Civilization cannot survive," he said. President Truman spoke at the University of Fordham where he was the guest of honour. —Associated Press.

DOUGHBOYS SHOT DEAD

Nuernberg, May 12. Two soldiers on the staff of the Stars and Stripes, the United States Army newspaper, were shot to death from ambush today, as they rode in a jeep with another soldier and three young women.

The names of the victims have been withheld. The women companions were: an English woman and an Irish woman, employed by the paper and an American girl employed by the American prosecution in the war crimes trials. The third soldier escaped injury. —Associated Press.

FRANCO-SIAM INCIDENT French Launch Attack Over Border

Troops Massing On Mekong

BANGKOK, May 12. THE SIAMESE FOREIGN MINISTER TODAY CONFIRMED REPORTS THAT FRENCH FORCES HAD BOMBARDED NAKHON PHANOM AND MACHINEGUNNED THUTIN ON THE SIAMESE FRONTIER ALONG THE MEKONG RIVER, ON WEDNESDAY EVENING.

THE MINISTER STATED THAT AT NAKHON PHANOM, GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND PRIVATE HOUSES WERE SEVERELY DAMAGED AND THERE WAS A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES, TWO OF WHICH WERE FATAL.

No retaliatory measures were taken by the Siamese but the evacuation of both areas has been ordered, the Minister added.

After an emergency meeting of the Cabinet, the Foreign Minister today requested the British and American Ministers here to forward a protest to Paris and it was stated that although the Government does not intend to retaliate, it is prepared to defend Siamese territory if further violation occurs.

No further incidents have been reported although the French are said to be massing on the far side of the Mekong River. The Siamese Government and the British and American Legations have sent observers to the border.

Border Crossed
No reason for the incident has yet been made known but it is reported that the French crossed the border and demanded the return of arms carried by French refugees who entered Siam during the recent internal troubles in French Indo-China.

It is also reported that French aircraft dropped leaflets urging refugees to return. The nearest Siamese garrison is over 30 miles from the scene of the incident. —Reuter.

British Use Of A Nazi Invention

London, May 12. The conversion by British technicians of German bombers radio direction finders into a new type of radio beam instrument will enable ships 1,000 miles at sea to pinpoint their position in three to five minutes.

The first station to send the "Consol Radio Navigation System" is now being built at Buncrana, Northern Ireland. Any ship or plane can tune in one beam and by counting the number of dots and dashes, which follow the signal, the ship can determine the direction of the sending station within a very small margin of error.

By getting signals from two stations, the position can be calculated immediately. The British plan to use the former German station at Stavanger and to build installations in Iceland, Newfoundland, the Azores and Bermuda.

It is said to have been this type of beam which directed German bombers over Britain. —Reuter.

TEL AVIV ORDER LIFTED

Jerusalem, May 12. British military headquarters in Palestine today informed Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv that the order imposed on April 28, closing all places of entertainment in the all-Jewish city from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. was being rescinded with effect from tomorrow.

The dusk to dawn road curfew imposed on the same date in the Lydda and Smaria districts, is also being lifted tomorrow.

The restrictions were imposed after the murder of seven British soldiers in a terrorist attack on a car park in Tel Aviv. —Reuter.

HAILE SELASSIE

London, May 12. The Ethiopian Legation in London today denied the report by the Italian News Agency in Rome that the Emperor, Haile Selassie, had arrived in Naples en route for Paris. The Emperor is in Addis Ababa, the Legation added. —Reuter.

BREAKDOWN IN SIMLA CONFERENCE

Simla, May 12. All efforts to reach an agreement between the predominantly Hindu All India Congress and the Muslim League on the question of a long-term settlement outlined in the British Cabinet Mission's original invitation as a proposal for an Indian union—have so far failed, according to informed quarters here last night.

These quarters say that the tripartite conference, which opened here last Sunday, is expected to end today without having achieved its objective.

Informed sources declared that an announcement of the end of the tripartite conference may be expected tonight.

The conference was opened in Simla on May 5 by the British Secretary of State for India, Lord Pethick Lawrence. It had a number of sessions and there was more than one private talk between the leaders of the main Indian parties—Pandit Nehru, President elect of the India Congress and Mohammed Ali Jinnah, ex-President of the Muslim League.

The tripartite conference followed negotiations in New Delhi during April with various Cabinet Mission to India, headed by Lord Pethick Lawrence. This Mission arrived in New Delhi from Britain on March 24. Its object was stated in the House of Commons by the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee to be "to seek in association with the Viceroy an agreement with the leaders of Indian opinion on the principles and procedure relating to the constitutional issue of the country." —Reuter.

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ATTACKS ON U.S. AIRCRAFT

Washington, May 12.

Secretary of War Patterson reports three instances in which Soviet planes have fired upon American aircraft since last August and two others in which they forced U.S. planes to land.

In a letter to Senator Bridges, Republican of New Hampshire, Patterson said reports showed that aircraft, identified as Russian, fired on and forced down a B-29 plane near Kanku, Korea, on August 19, 1945. Two planes, tentatively identified as "Stormoviks," fired across the bow of a C-47 near Linz, Austria, on April 21, 1946.

The last one, he said, was on April 22, when an Air Transport Command C-47 was attacked by four PE-39 aircraft of the Russian Air Force while approaching Tulin, Vienna, but no damage was reported. Patterson's letter replied to Senator Bridges' request that the War Department list instances in which American planes had been menaced by Russians. Patterson said "no instance has been revealed of Soviet aircraft being forced to land as a result of United States action." —Associated Press.

Communism A Denial Of God's Rights

New York, May 12. Bernard, Cardinal Griffin, of Britain, attacked the Communist system last night as a denial of God's rights, but at the same time he asked for increased sympathy between east and west.

"A nation which does not recognize the rights of God can never recognize the rights of man," he said in an address at the centenary dinner of Fordham University.

"This denial exists both in the Nazi and the Communist systems," he continued. "Eventually it is man who suffers. Freedom as we understand it cannot exist under either system. Man becomes the mere tool of the state. He is reduced to servitude. In plain terms he is a slave."

Calling attention to what he termed the cleavage between east and west, Cardinal Griffin said: "Nobody but a fool or an anarchist wants to see that cleavage widen. For if it widens, a chasm is opening before us into which our civilization will fall to destruction."

He added: "If territories and nations are regarded only as spheres of influence and if power politics are all out to rule the world we shall end with another disaster, a disaster worse than the one from which we have scarcely yet emerged." —Associated Press.

U.S. ASSURANCE

Washington, May 12. Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson disclosed yesterday that he had assured the diplomats of five Arab countries that the United States will make no final decision on Palestine without first consulting both their governments and Jewish authorities. —Associated Press.

Rumour

London, May 12. Reports that the 20-year-old Earl of Euston, son and heir to the Duke of Grafton, is about to return to this country from India, where he has been on aide to the Viceroy, have revived rumours connected with his name with that of Princess Elizabeth, states the Sunday newspaper, "News of the World," today. —Reuter.

HUMAN HAIR AS GERMANS' FOOD

London, May 12.

Human hair is being made into food at a hospital in Hamburg, Germany. This was stated today by Fennor Brockway, the political secretary of the Independent Labour Party, on his return from a visit to Germany.

Mr. Brockway said he had tasted food which was made from hair collected from patients in the hospital. "It was like fish-paste and was served on fingers of toast," he told Reuter.

"The head of the hospital, Dr. Bansi, has now asked that human hair be collected from all the hairdressers in Hamburg."

Mr. Brockway explained that Dr. Bansi was using hair as he could not obtain enough body-building food for his patients. In co-operation with the Chemical Institute of Hamburg he succeeded in producing from it a white crystalline substance with a nutritive value. —Reuter.

GUERRILLA TACTICS IN GREECE

Athens, May 12.

Panayotis Kanellopoulos, the former Greek Prime Minister and one of the leaders of the National Unionist (Centre Party), declared in Athens tonight, after his return from a tour of Central Greece: "The extreme Left are reforming their guerrilla nuclei, while the extreme Right are using similar forms of pressure to those used by the Communists."

Spiro Theotokis, Minister of Public Order, accompanied by Sir Charles Wickham, the head of the British Policy Mission in Greece, has left for Macedonia to examine the situation there and devise means of restoring calm in that region. —Reuter.

BREWSTER'S MILLIONS WASHINGTON STYLE

Cairo, May 12. Well informed quarters among Egyptians were inclined to laugh off as ill-founded the speculation in a broadcast tonight by the United States Senator Ralph Owen Brewster (Republican), alleging that Britain had "bought" King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia with \$20,000,000 and built him up as a leader of the Arab League.

(Brewster visited Palestine and Egypt in a round the world tour of the war theatres in 1943).

Some saw in it a variation of a recently published story that Ibn Saud had been offered large sums by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the world Zionist leader, if he would use his influence in favour of the Jews in Palestine. In his broadcast which Senator Brewster called "The future of Palestine," he said that he had evidence that Britain had handed King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia, \$20,000,000.

"They bought him—a hitherto almost unknown chieftain with a handful of subjects and a desert kingdom—so backward that human slavery is still legal there," he said. Senator Brewster, aged 53, had been a senator since 1911. He added: "Britain then built him up as one of the leaders of the so-called 'Arab League' which is aided and abetted by the British."

"More than \$100,000,000 have been paid to rulers of the Arab states for oil rights in the last 10 years, but the states have built up military forces to threaten British and United States pipelines and they have spent a lot of money increasing their armaments."

Senator Brewster described the Anglo-American commission on Palestine as "an unholy alliance of power, politics and wishful thinking." It was one of the most disappointing documents he had ever encountered, he said. —Reuter.

THREAT OF CIVIL WAR IN PERSIA

TEHRAN, MAY 12. MEMBERS OF THE AZERBAIJAN DELEGATION SAID YESTERDAY THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE IRAN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HAD BROKEN DOWN AND THAT THEY WOULD RETURN PROMPTLY TO TABRIZ, CAPITAL OF THE SELF-PROCLAIMED AUTONOMOUS STATE.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE IRANIAN FOREIGN OFFICE DENIED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN DEADLOCKED BUT SAID THAT AN "ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FRIENDLY TERMINATION OF THE CONFERENCES IS EXPECTED."

A foreign source here, who is an expert on Middle East affairs, said that if the negotiations have broken down it would be very serious. He said failure to settle the Azerbaijan problem might pose a threat of civil war.

The Azerbaijan National Army have taken over all barracks and camps in Azerbaijan province—Iran's "Pakistan"—which was reported to have been completely evacuated this week by the Red Army.

Announcing this today Tabriz radio spoke of the "daily cruelties by the Central Government in Isfahan and Bhandor Shah" and said that the people of Azerbaijan were "now seeking democracy for all Iran."

Swift Move
The swift assumption of key military points by Azerbaijan forces has taken place as negotiations in Tehran between the Azerbaijan mission and the Iranian Central Government continue to drag on inconclusively.

From early yesterday morning until well into last night the two sides were in negotiations without achieving any decisive results but today the discussions, were said, to have taken a "new trend."

The Iranian War Ministry tonight denied Tehran press reports according to which Iranian forces had been fighting Kurdish tribesmen in Western Iran and had bombed Abad Mahabad, south-west of Lake Urmia, near the Iraq border.

The reports said heavy casualties had been caused in the Mahabad area, which was reported to be the centre of the Kurdish autonomist movement led by Mohammed Chazi, but that Iranian forces had been beaten back with heavy losses.

The Iranian Cabinet yesterday spent several hours discussing the latest proposals of Jafar Pishavari, the Azerbaijan democratic Premier who is now negotiating with the Central Government, and decided that they were "unconstitutional" according to a report in this evening's newspapers.

By a majority vote the Cabinet decided to keep to the seven-point proposals made last month by Ghavam es Sultans, the Iranian Premier, which included the appointment of a Governor-General for the province, the report said.

No More Concessions
It did not specify the rejected Azerbaijan proposals. There have been further talks in an effort to settle a trade dispute at Isfahan, the major Iranian centre about 200 miles due south of Tehran.

Delegates of the Tudeh, (Left Wing) party represented the workers, while Isfahan factory owners attended personally at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, where the negotiations took place.

A report on the talks will be submitted to the Minister of Commerce and Industry and if it is satisfactory he will dispatch his deputy to Isfahan to help put the agreement into effect.

Ghavam last night had a talk with the Soviet Ambassador to Iran, Ivan V. Sadchikov, in the ante-room of the Russo-Iranian Cultural Institute where they both attended an official function.

Unofficial reports in Tehran today say the Premier, Reza Shah, told Sadchikov that he was not willing to make further concessions to the Azerbaijan mission. —Associated Press and Reuter.

PRINCESS RUMOUR CROPS UP AGAIN

Lisbon, May 12.

Prince Charles, Regent of Belgium, arrived here yesterday from Belgium in a private plane. He was travelling incognito.

No official explanation of the visit or the Prince's incognito was forthcoming but one source said "It is an absolutely personal visit in connection with the marriage of the Belgian regent to a British lady."

Belgian, British and Portuguese circles, however, claim to have no knowledge of the reported marriage. The Prince was understood to have left for an unidentified place outside Lisbon.

In the Summer of last year, reports published in Brussels that the 41-year-old Prince was to marry "an English princess" met with a flat "official denial" from Buckingham Palace. —Associated Press.

CHURCHILL AN APPEASER

Birmingham, May 12.

Mr. Winston Churchill is "the greatest of all appeasers," according to Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Lord Privy Seal in the Labour Government, who spoke at a conference of the West Midland Labour Party today.

Throughout the days before the war, Mr. Churchill was a bitter critic of Premier Neville Chamberlain's "reckless and unfortunate policy of appeasement," Mr. Greenwood declared.

"But as the war wore on, and he became Prime Minister, who was then the greatest appeaser? —The British Prime Minister. 'I remember in the last war debate I described him as the greatest of all the appeasers. His appeasement was to promise to the big powers anything they wanted. He did it with the United States and Moscow. I am not prepared, nor is this government prepared, to sink British individuality and our proper right at the dictates and whims of other people.' —Reuter.

HUNGARIANS IN SLOVAKIA

London, May 12.

Budapest radio last night said the Communist deputy, Mihaly Farnas, warned the Hungarian national assembly that the Hungarian Communist Party would demand "full equality of rights" for Hungarians remaining in Slovakia.

Farnas told deputies debating the Czechoslovakian-Hungarian population exchange agreement that "up to now leading Czechoslovak circles had not found the right party tending to this equality for Hungarians." —Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

Today's forecast: Occasional cloudy showers, light variable winds.
Yesterday's temperatures, etc.:
Maximum: —83 degrees at 6 p.m.
Minimum: —75 degrees at 1 p.m.
Sunshine: —20 minutes.
Rainfall: —1.12 inches.
Maximum Humidity: —95 per cent. at 7 p.m.

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SERBIAN TRIAL

General Draja Mihailovich's impending trial in Yugoslavia will excite interest and stir passions throughout the world. Public opinion has been baffled by the contradictory wartime reports which began by representing Mihailovich as a hero of the resistance against the German and Italian occupiers of his country and ended by depicting him as a collaborator and traitor. What is the truth? As so often in matters of this kind, it is obscure and very far removed from the propaganda disseminated by the parties to the dispute. It has been well remarked that "Nature never draws a line but she smudges it." Through the clouds of lies and propaganda which befog the issues, the following facts may be confidently placed upon the record. Mihailovich, an officer in the regular Yugoslav Army, fought against the Germans from the day his country was attacked. When Yugoslavia was overrun, he retreated into the Serbian mountains with a small band of adherents and started to organize a resistance movement. There is no evidence that any organized Communist opposition to the German invaders took place prior to the German invasion of Russia on June 22, 1941, almost three months after the invasion of Yugoslavia. Tito himself did not take the field till about September, though there is reason to suppose that he was organizing underground resistance in Belgrade prior to this. Several attempts were made in the early days to unite the two resistance movements; and Tito and Mihailovich met on at least two occasions. These negotiations proved abortive, since the two leaders held irreconcilable views on a number of topics. Mihailovich was faithful to King Peter who, by leading the coup d'etat against his cousin, the Regent Prince Paul, had brought Yugoslavia into the war on the side of Great Britain. Tito was always a staunch republican. Mihailovich stood for the continuation of the Serbian hegemony over Yugoslavia. Tito declared for a "free" federal democracy in Yugoslavia in which there would be equality and a wide measure of autonomy for the six or seven major provinces out of which Yugoslavia is constituted. Moreover, Tito was a Communist, and Mihailovich was not. The British Government sent a mission to Mihailovich, who had been appointed War Minister in King Peter's exiled government. It was difficult to send much in the way of weapons. Everything had to be flown from Cairo, a round trip of nearly 3,000 miles. Meanwhile, Tito's movement was growing rapidly and, though it was almost non-existent in Serbia, it attracted far more support in Montenegro, Bosnia, Croatia and Slovenia than Mihailovich could claim in those provinces. Early in 1942, the first British officers were parachuted into Tito's headquarters. By this time, Tito's Partisans and Mihailovich's Chetniks were fighting a merciless civil war. It was clearly bad business to support both these rival movements. Repeated efforts were made by the British Government to effect a reconciliation. But too much blood had flowed to permit of any settlement.

VICTOR IN CAIRO

Alexandria, May 12. Victor Emmanuel, the abdicated Italian monarch, and his wife, Queen Elena, debarked from an Italian cruiser today and were taken to King Farouk's guest palace. King Farouk greeted the little king as he stepped from the Egyptian launch, but he did not account party him to Antoniadis Palace where he and his queen will stay temporarily.—Associated Press.

Soviet Erects Iron Curtain Round Korea

(By MORRIE LANDSBERG)

Tribute To Navy Fire Fighters

Prompt action by the Naval authorities led to supplementary fire fighting and fatigue parties of Service personnel giving valuable assistance in combating the five hours outbreak which seriously damaged Admiralty House, on Saturday afternoon.

The official residence was occupied by Vice-Admiral J. H. Eddleton, Deputy C-in-C British Pacific Fleet, who later signalled to Commodore, Hong Kong: "The effective and prompt manner in which the fire at Admiralty House was tackled today reflects great credit on your organization. Please thank all concerned. I am most grateful."

A similar signal was sent to H.M. ships Bermuda and Tyne which sent fire fighting parties ashore. The R.N. Dock Yard Fire Brigade answered the alarm and fatigue parties worked unceasingly to salvage furniture, crockery and personal effects, despite the dangers of falling timber and the unsafe roof of the blazing building.

One fatigue party became trapped and had to climb to safety by means of ropes but no serious casualties were reported. Vice-Admiral J. H. Eddleton is now residing at the house of the Commodore, 37 Conduit Road.

Nearly But Not Quite

A China Motor Bus Co. bus on the University route nearly backed into the harbour at Blake Pier yesterday.

The rear wheels went over one side of the Praya wall, but fortunately the vehicle did not go over. The bus was left in that position all day, and until a late hour no attempt had been made to remove it.

The bus is one of many which have been rebuilt at the workshop at the Old Ghimman's Garage, Wan Chai, which are put on the road as soon as they have passed the required tests.

Motor Junk Explosion

At about 7.30 a.m. yesterday residents in the vicinity of the Po Tak Wharf, Central District, were rudely awakened by the sound of a loud explosion.

As the engine of a motor junk was being warmed up, the gas-line tank, for some unexplainable reason, exploded and enveloped the vessel in flames. After burning fiercely for half an hour, the fire subsided. Although the wood-work of the vessel was destroyed, the unharmed remains were still afloat.

The vessel was loading cargo at the time of the explosion, but fortunately there were no casualties.

NAVY TO BRING BACK CHINESE

An advance party will leave for Hainan on Thursday to prepare for the repatriation of sick Hong Kong Chinese who were deported there by the Japanese. Royal Navy ships, the escort vessel "Whimbrell" and M.L. 1082, will reach Yulin on Saturday to prepare the displaced persons for delousing and embarkation in the hospital ship "Empire Clyde".

The "Empire Clyde" will leave on Saturday for Yulin, and will sail again for Baki soon after returning with her first load of sick. There are over 3,000 displaced persons from Hong Kong in Hainan, many of them suffering from disease and starvation. A meeting will be held at Civil Affairs headquarters this morning to decide the final details of the evacuation.

ARMED ROBBERIES

Two armed robberies took place in Kowloon at about 10 p.m. last night.

Five men, two armed with revolvers and three with daggers, entered No. 570, Nathan Road. Another group, composed of four men, all armed with revolvers, entered No. 45 Waterloo Road. At the time of going to press, the value of property stolen had not been ascertained.

SCOUTS 'AT HOME'

The 10th Kowloon Troop of Boy Scouts held an "At Home" on Saturday night at the Kowloon Golf Club when parents and friends were invited to witness an exhibition of pioneering and signalling.

The proceedings finished with a camp fire sing-song.

WHAT GOES ON NORTH OF THE 38TH PARALLEL? BLACKBOOTED RUSSIAN GUARDS WITH TOMMY-GUNS STAND AT POINTS ALONG THAT INVISIBLE GEOGRAPHICAL LINE WHICH PARTITIONS KOREA INTO TWO DISTINCT COUNTRIES. THEY DON'T LIKE VISITORS.

YOU CAN GET INTO THE SOVIET ZONE IF YOU WANT TO—BY TAKING A MOUNTAIN TRAIL AND SNEAKING ACROSS. KOREANS DO IT. SOMETIMES THEY GET SHOT—BY WHOM IS NOT CLEAR—BUT TRAFFIC REMAINS HEAVY, ESPECIALLY INTO THE AMERICAN OCCUPATION SECTOR.

A strict "keep out" policy applies to the two-fifths of Korea north of the 38th. However, a few Americans officially have travelled into the industrial north with passes from the Russian commanding general. They were restricted to Keijo, the northern capital, on official business.

By contrast, the U.S.S.R. maintains a consulate at Seoul, with no restrictions on the movement of personnel.

What the Americans know about northern Korea today is based on refugee reports, smuggled editions of northern newspapers—and pre-occupation information that pictures a rich reservoir of mineral deposits, power plants and heavy industry.

Sweeping Reforms

Once refugees slip into Southern Korea, they are both visible and sometimes all too obviously inaccurate. Most refugees admitted have come with a grudge.

It seems to be a fact that North Koreans are running their own government under the name of the People's Committee. Communists control it and the Russians supervise it. A sweeping land reform act is reported being carried out.

North Korean newspapers have repeatedly identified Communist Gen. Kim Il Sung as chairman of the People's Committee. Recent arrivals reported an alleged assassination attempt against Kim, but there was no confirmation.

There are recurring rumours that Russian troops have been transferred from Manchuria to Northern Korea.

Taking Booty

Many Americans are convinced the Soviets shipped out much Japanese war and industrial equipment as booty. Officers attribute the Russian "keep out" policy to a desire for privacy in such operations.

Informants report that North Koreans are hoarding Korean yen and are using inflated Russian occupation currency. In the black market, 60 Korean yen bring 100 yen of Red money.

The people have little contact with the outside world except through the dispatches of Tass, the official Soviet news agency. Residents attempt to listen to news broadcasts from the American Military Government radio station in Seoul, but these are reported jammed. A very few who have short wave radios tune in Korean language broadcasts from San Francisco and Honolulu.

No Freedom

Portraits of Stalin, Lenin and Kim supposedly are displayed in railroad stations and public buildings. The northern press

Govt. To Repat Nips

Mukden, May 12.

General Tu Yu-fang, commander of the Chinese Government's north-east armies, today announced that the Government had assumed the responsibility for the repatriation of 1,900,000 Japanese from Manchuria, with assistance and advice from the United States Army.

The repatriation agreement was signed by General Tu and Colonel Richard T. Wittmann, United States repatriation Chief in China, who came to Mukden to get the repatriation programme underway.

Colonel Wittmann expressed his confidence that the programme will be completed by Sept. 30, despite the fact there is a civil war going on in Manchuria. Reminded that the Communist control approximately 70 per cent of Manchuria, Colonel Wittmann said "I have a plan" for getting the Japanese out of Communist-held territory, but he declined to elaborate on his plan.—Associated Press.

SEOUL, MAY 12.

Former residents of Northern Korea charge that there is no freedom of speech, press, religion or assembly in the Soviet sector. Some have lost large property holdings and they naturally are bitter about the land redistribution programme.

A Communist sympathiser defended the Soviet occupation policies. "We must understand that Korea is now in a transitional period," he said. "The Communist Party at present is in the course of purging impure elements and at the same time of reconstructing the party."

Associated Press.

Reparations From Japan: A New Slant

Tokyo, May 12.

The arrival here of the Reparations Commissioner, Edwin W. Pauley, coincides with the disclosure from well informed circles that official thinking in Washington is swinging toward a more practical policy that Japan must pay for losing the war.

New thought on the reparations questions, according to one source, involves the establishment of production capacity levels for the Japanese which will enable the nation to start on the road to recovery "so that we won't have to take care of these people forever."

U.S.A.A.F. RECORD

Manila, May 11.

A United States 8th Army Air Force Superfortress flew to a height of 39,360 feet with a load of more than 22,000 pounds of bombs, over Guam on May 7 to break the world's altitude record for land planes in the 10,000 kilogram (22,046 pound) class, the Headquarters of the Army Pacific Air Forces announced today.

The previous record was 33,750 feet, set in 1938 by a German, Karl Heinz Kindermann.

The record-shattering Superfortress is the personal plane of Lieutenant-General James Doolittle, leader of the first Tokyo raid and ex-commander of the 8th Air Force. It previously had made a record flight from Los Angeles to Hawaii to Guam. C. R. Logsdon of New York certified the altitude record for the Federation d'Aeronautique Internationale.—Associated Press.

Yingkow In Govt. Hands

Yingkow, May 12.

The Central Government yesterday officially established Chinese sovereignty over this important Manchuria seaport, the second biggest in northeast China, where the Communists fired upon United States ships in the beginning of the civil war.

The destruction of Yingkow's harbour facilities will prevent the use of the port for a long time eliminating Yingkow as a debarkation point for the repatriation of Japanese from Manchuria.

The Communists seized Yingkow last October 28 following the Soviet withdrawal. Government forces attacked the port on Jan. 8. The Communists set it afire before withdrawing after two days. Later a counter-attack by them failed.—Associated Press.

REPATRIATES BACK

Among the passengers who arrived in the Colony on Saturday by the s.s. "Kwelyang" from Singapore were 210 Chinese repatriates from Malaya. They are remnants of laborers recruited by the Japanese during the occupation for service in the South Seas regions. They are being fed and cared for at the Tung Wah Hospital pending plans for their return to their native villages.

Killing

Shanghai, May 12.

The United States Navy announced today that a 15-year-old Chinese boy, described as a member of a prominent family but an opium addict, shot and killed a United States Navy shore patrolman who had picked him up on suspicion of stealing a jeep.

The youth was killed in a battle with Chinese constabulary a few minutes later. The youth had seized the gun from the shore patrolman's holster and shot him in the back.—Associated Press.

Taxis Come Back

Hong Kong is to have its taxicab service back again some time this week when the Yellow Taxicab Co. will operate again on a limited scale, for the time being.

The charges have not yet been fixed by Government but it is hoped that this will be done by Tuesday. At present six taxis, newly arrived Austins, will be on the road but the fleet is expected to be increased shortly.

Yesterday one of the taxis was seen cruising the streets "on a Test."

Readers' Letters

A Suggestion

Sir,—Every day in your columns there is a mean about the poor starving Chinese, and every day too we read of Chinese killing Chinese in Manchuria. While undoubtedly this in its way is helping to ease the food situation, to my way of thinking these thousands of men could be better employed in providing food to feed these starving millions instead of crying to other countries to feed them.

It seems to me that the Chinese people want to live on charity and give nothing in return but trouble. I can't say that the Chinese don't help themselves because they do in more ways than one. So the Chinese big shots should make a special attempt to put their own house in order and get about feeding themselves instead of expecting charity from other food drained countries.

THE VICTIMS.

This China

Sir,—I am in complete agreement with Chinese People's leader (Mao May 10) which throws so much light on the economic situation of China. Read together with George Moorad's article "What Have you got to sell, Joe?" which appeared in the Mail a few days ago, one could get a true picture of China. Its only inadequacy lies in the fact that it has not come up in defence of the common Chinese farmers whom Chinese Observer called "persons who reaped huge profits, and keeping large number of plumb pigs and vast stock of rice," and yet "ill informed statesmen of our Allied Powers are striving to help" them. Chinese Observer's representation is altogether false and will be misleading to U.N.-R.K.A. men and other ready philanthropists.

The peasants form 80 per cent of the population of China. Of the 450,000,000 Chinese there are 300,000,000 peasants. If these 300,000,000 peasants are keeping "plump pigs and huge stock of rice," as stated by Chinese Observer, then there will be a great surplus of rice in the country, and China will be a land flowing with milk and honey. But the contrary is the truth. Millions of Chinese peasants are dying and millions more are eating grass, mud and even human remains. There are diverse causes that have thrown the Chinese peasantry into such a plight. One of the more serious ones is the high rate of rent and interest in the rural districts. It will shock our English readers if they come to know what rate of rent and interest the peasantry is paying to the modern Shylocks of China. China is short of farm lands and the peasants have to pay exorbitant sums as rent for lands from the landlords. The landlords usually takes 50 to 70 per cent of the crop. The farmers paying for the expenditure on fertilizer and farming animals, only take the rest. Most peasants get just sufficient grain to eat in good years and in bad years they are short of food for many months of the year. Then they have to borrow rice from the land lords. At what rate of interest? A peasant borrows a picul of rice in April (by this month all his rice harvest is gathered, he has to return 2 piculs to the landlord. That is tantamount to a rate of 400 per cent interest in a year, and this is on a compound interest basis, and if he fails to make repayment in 3 years then he is completely ruined. The landlords by such exploitation have gained much during the war.

Such high rates of rent and interest have ruined the Chinese peasantry and brought economic stagnation to the country. The peasantry has lost all purchasing power for manufactured goods. So a potential home market for our own industrial goods as well as foreign manufactures is made non-existent. This is bad enough to the industrialization of China, which is impossible if there is no home market. Chinese industry can only grow if there is a great potential home market based on the raised purchasing power of the Chinese peasantry of 300,000,000 people forming about one-fifth of the world's population. But as great profits are to be reaped from rent and interest, most capital goes into investment in the land and the money-lending business, and no investment goes to industry. This is the chief cause of the present critical situation of the Chinese people.

However, news leaking out from the Communist dominated areas in North and Central China shows that great results have been wrought by the 25 per cent cut in rent and interest carried out by the Communists. The purchasing power of the peasantry is said to have increased and as a result trade and industry begin to see signs of advancement.

Y. S. CHAN.

Clearing Japs. From South

Canton, May 12.

All Japanese prisoners of war in Kwangtung and Hainan have been repatriated ahead of schedule, except for 159 Japanese marines detained on Hainan by Central Government offices there, a United States army officer of the Canton Repatriation Group reports.

Approximately 120,000 Japanese prisoners of war and civilian internees were sent home.

The Japanese retained on Hainan are marines kept in Yulin-kang, South Hainan, by the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture, the National Resources Commission and the Navy for work as technicians in the mines, navigating craft and other tasks, with two naval doctors remaining in Hoihow, the principal port.

Having done his job, the Canton Repatriation Group, under Col. George R. Hayman, of San Antonio, Texas, has been renamed the Chinese Army Troop Movement Team, with the task of transporting Chinese military units from Canton to other parts of the country.—Associated Press.

Air Crash In Japan

Tokyo, May 11.

Three deaths in the crashes of two A-26 United States Army Invader planes, and the forcing down of a third plane by dirty weather between Atsugi and Nagoya yesterday, was reported today by the 5th Air Force.

The 5th Air Force said the first crash occurred near Shinjoda—a pilot flying alone being killed. Five minutes later, a second crash occurred 60 miles southeast of Nagoya, killing the pilot and a passenger.

A third plane was forced down on an airfield near Kamezaki, with the pilot and a single passenger escaping injury.

A fourth plane which started with the others on a routine patroling operation, turned back.—Associated Press.

Korean Silk Industry

Seoul, May 11.

The Korean military government today announced a long range plan to revive the Korean silk industry which, after 1950, is expected to compete with Japan and China of the world silk market.

Under the plan, which includes the subsidizing and establishment of a sericulture college, the industry is expected to begin operating at 75 per cent capacity next year, as compared with the present 15 per cent output.

The lack of trained technicians will prevent the immediate recovery of the silk industry which had been dominated by the Japanese. Their repatriation left Korea short of the technical knowledge necessary for full production.

The military government plan includes the establishing of seed collection farms, silk-worm experimental stations and the development of a superior type of domesticated silkworm.—Associated Press.

Lien Hope Makes An Immediate Hit

London, May 12.

Lien Hope, the London Zoo's new 17-month-old 80-lbs female giant Panda, was installed in her pale yellow cage in the Lion House in Regent's Park tonight after a flight from Calcutta.

The panda, the fourth the Zoo has had and the only one in Europe, was presented by the Chinese Government to replace Ming, which died several years ago.

Dr. G. M. Ververs, Superintendent of the Zoological Gardens, whose staff was pestered all day by telephoned inquiries about when the Panda will be exhibited, announced tonight that she would be on view to the Zoological Society's Fellows tomorrow morning and to general visitors in the afternoon. Lien Hope is "in excellent condition" and is quite lively," Dr. Ververs said.

Outside the door of the cage when Lien Hope—Unity in English—arrived, were her weekend rations—three bundles of bamboo shoots, assorted vegetables and a porridge-like type of oat feed. The cage's furnishings

include a tree trunk for climbing, a sunbathing platform and a hippobath.

Londoners caught a glimpse of the predominantly white Teddy Bear creature in a characteristic pose—chewing on a bamboo shoot—in her wooden crate when she was transferred at Waterloo station from the train on which she had travelled from Bournemouth, to a zoo truck.

An eight-years-old girl said that Lien Hope was "just perfect."

The Chinese Government hopes to find a mate for Lien Hope in Szechuan Province, the habitat of pandas.—Reuter.

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1. The entitled civilians who have hitherto been drawing Military Rations are hereby notified that the issue of these rations will cease with effect from 16th. May.

2. Meals will be provided for residents in the Hong Kong, Gloucester and Peninsula Hotels, under arrangements being made by the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels Ltd. The prices of meals have been agreed to by the Government and will be notified to residents.

3. The Pedder Building Depot will close down permanently after office hours on 15th. May, 1946, and those hitherto using that depot will have to make their own arrangements for the purchasing of food.

C. DELAMAIN.

Colonel.

Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

NOTICE

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It is hereby notified that in the meantime no further registrations for rice rationing will be accepted except from those who can prove to the satisfaction of the Rice Controller that they were resident in Hong Kong for at least seven years prior to 1941. This concession will be extended to the immediate relatives only of such a person e.g. wife and children.

W. M. THOMSON,

Director,

Supplies, Trade & Industry.

Hong Kong, May 9, 1946.

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HONG KONG, 10th May, 1946.

HANGING IN THE BALANCE
Success Or Failure Of Paris TalksAmsterdam's
Gold Medal
For Winston

Amsterdam, May 12. The Acting Burgomaster of Amsterdam, presenting a gold medal to Mr. Winston Churchill today, told him: "We shall never forget how in the first year of the occupation of Holland by the Germans, Britain had to bear the strain alone. We feel that Britain's grim determination and remarkable belief in ultimate victory were personified in you."

One of the women councillors broke down and wept as the Burgomaster recalled what Mr. Churchill's speeches meant to the Dutch during the occupation years.

Mr. Churchill said that he was deeply shocked by what he had heard of the horrible tyranny of the Germans, who in a few years reduced the Jewish population in Amsterdam from 80,000 to 12,000 and ravaged their beautiful and historic quarter which produced Rembrandt and Spinoza.

Heroes of the underground movement presented bouquets to his daughter, Mary Churchill.

Mr. Churchill sailed from the Town Hall on a brightly painted launch to tour the canals as the guest of the city, passing between walls of packed people along the canal banks, who shouted their enthusiasm.

Mr. Churchill was to join Queen Wilhelmina on the royal sloop to watch an exhibition of sailing on the approach to the harbour.—Reuter.

Last Attempt To
Compromise

(By MICHAEL FRY)

PARIS, MAY 12.

ITALIAN REPARATIONS AND COLONIES ARE THE KEY ISSUES OF THE FOUR-POWER TALKS ONCE MORE IN THE MELTING POT TODAY AS THE CONFERENCE ENTERS A CRITICAL WEEKEND. SUCCESS OR FAILURE HANGS IN THE BALANCE.

AFTER YESTERDAY'S SURPRISE MOVES BY MOLOTOV AND BEVIN TO TRY TO REACH A COMPROMISE ON ITALIAN COLONIES, TODAY'S INFORMAL SESSION ALSO SHOWED THAT THE MINISTERS ARE MAKING A LAST ATTEMPT TO REACH A COMPROMISE ON THE RUSSIAN DEMAND FOR £75,000,000 REPARATIONS FROM ITALY. RENEWED DISCUSSION ON THESE VITAL POINTS CAME AT THE END OF A WEEK IN WHICH THE CONFERENCE AT ONE TIME APPEARED ON THE BRINK OF COMPLETE FAILURE.

A week ago, the big four side-stepped the deadlock on the Italian treaty and tried to come to an agreement on the Balkan treaties. By the middle of the week the ministers had exhausted all possibilities of agreement and rumours became rife that the conference would end on Saturday.

The British Foreign Minister, Mr. Bevin, then made a last minute appeal to his three colleagues to try once more to reach an agreement on the main issues of the Italian treaty.

The others agreed and the conference suddenly came to life again on Friday with new

proposals from Molotov and Bevin and the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault. These are:

British Concession

1. Russia agrees to give up her claim to trusteeship over Tripolitania and let the Italians run it under UNO supervision.

2. Britain agrees to abandon the plan for an independent Libya and let the Italians run the trusteeship of Tripolitania provided Britain is allowed to have the trusteeship of Cyrenaica. Mr. Bevin made the point that British security in Cyrenaica might eventually be merged in an overall UNO security scheme but meanwhile Britain must safeguard the security of North Africa, just as Russia is doing in Eastern Asia and the Kurile Islands in the Pacific.

3. Bidault proposed that Russia be given £25,000,000 reparations from Italy and other claimants be compensated by concessions instead of cash. Molotov did not object but Byrnes suggested that the £25,000,000 should be paid out of industrial war equipment, assets abroad and shipping.

Compromise Hints

At the same time one of the main problems of the whole conference—Trieste—still remains unsolved. Observers believe that Molotov having made concessions on Italian colonies will expect a similar move from the western allies by giving Trieste to Yugoslavia. Soviet circles in Paris maintain that so far the Russians have made all concessions at the conference and received nothing in return.

In British and American quarters, there is no suggestion of any readiness to do this but there are hints that a compromise could be reached.—Reuter.

Soviet Charge

Moscow, May 12.

The British and United States delegations to the foreign ministers council in Paris are working together closely in an effort to settle the Trieste question, a writer in the Soviet newspaper "Izvestia" declared yesterday.

The writer, N. Sokolovsky, said the aim of the British and American combination was to establish economic domination of Italy and maintain British supremacy in the Mediterranean.

Sokolovsky declared that such attitude of the British and American delegation would be difficult to explain "if there were not plenty of facts witnessing the presence of a certain agreement between the Anglo-Saxon powers on mutual compensations in various parts of the world."—Associated Press.

EVEN WHALES ARE
THINNER

Oslo, Norway, May 12.

Reports radiated from Norwegian floating whaling factories now operating in the Antarctic Ocean indicate that the world food situation may be affecting that remote region.

Veteran whalers, who have followed the huge mammals for decades, described how the whales are much thinner this season, obviously due to a shortage of food.—Associated Press.

Sidney, May 11.

Eighteen, new cases of infantile paralysis reported here on Thursday as doctors sought to stem the city's worst outbreak of the disease.—Associated Press.

Liverpool, May 12.

Nearly 2,500 prisoners of war boarded the transport Samaria yesterday for repatriation to Italy. The ship is due to sail today.—Associated Press.

Turkey To Help
U.N.R.R.A.

Ankara, May 11.

Turkey today created a credit of 6,000,000 Turkish pounds in favour of U.N.R.R.A. and announced that she had 650,000 head of livestock ready for export to starving nations.

The minister of agriculture, Rasit Hatiboglu, said part of the credit would be represented by actual foodstuffs.

Turkey's surplus food, he added, would be distributed in two ways to hungry countries willing to purchase supplies and to U.N.R.R.A. on credit. The surplus comprises cattle, sheep, goats, barley, rye and beans.

The Spring rains this month will determine whether Turkey will have any grain to spare.—Associated Press.

NEWSPAPER GETS
A BOUQUET

St. Louis, May 11.

The University of Missouri today awarded a citation for distinguished service in journalism to the "Goetsch-Hendelstetler." The Swedish newspaper was recognized for "its outspoken sympathy with democratic ideals in government and its bold defiance of attempts of Nazi leaders to silence editorial utterance of its honest opinions."—Associated Press.

Cairo, May 12.

Victor Emmanuel, ex-king of Italy, is arriving at Alexandria this morning.—Reuter.

SPECTACULAR

New Mexico, May 12. A spectacular attempt to destroy one German V-2 rocket with another in mid-air was made yesterday when the re-assembled V-2 zoomed to an estimated 75-mile height in the first proving ground tests.

Officials said this American record for ascent by a man-made instrument possibly exceeded the unrecorded wartime tests by the Nazis.—Associated Press.

Halifax Says
Farewell To
America

Washington, May 12.

Lord Halifax, the retiring British Ambassador to the United States, in a farewell broadcast from Washington tonight appealed to the people of the United States to help fight the famine in Europe and Asia.

"There has not been catastrophe on such a large scale within human memory; probably never in all recorded history," he said.

"Millions of people are threatened with starvation and death, the overwhelming majority of whom are humble folk who wanted only to be allowed to live their lives in peace; and yet this terrible thing is happening to them. I am not thinking that you or I or any decent-minded person will sleep perfectly or eat happily if we are not able to feel that we are doing all we can help."

"Here is something that calls from both our countries for the same quality of effort and leadership which brought us through in the war."

"The world does not want dictators, it has had quite enough of them. It rightly lays at their door all loss and suffering and sorrow of these times. But it does need, and will always need, the sort of leadership your people and mine can give; the sort of leadership that only people who are free themselves can give to others."—Reuter.

Doenitz Not
Comfortable

Nuremberg, May 11.

Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz expressed the belief at today's session of the Nuremberg war crimes trial that he was chosen to succeed Hitler in the Reich's waning days only because "after Reich Marshal Hermann Goering was removed, I was the senior officer in command of an independent branch of the armed forces."

The defendant asserted that he was a strictly military figure until taking over as Fuehrer scarcely a week before the end of hostilities.

The defendant left the witness stand only a quarter of an hour before the end of the session, after a day-long interrogation, mostly by the chief British prosecutor, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.

A letter from 67 U-boat commanders now in British prison camps stated that none of the defendants ordered, to his officers, while German Naval C-in-C, could be interpreted as meaning that they deliberately tried, to exterminate Allied seamen.

Doenitz appeared uneasy, however, when reminded that he had cautioned the entire German Navy against "spreading the poison of Jewry."

He haltingly explained that he believed that "Germany's national strength could not afford Jewish components."—Associated Press.

RHINE EMPTY

Basle, May 12.

The Rhine, reopened as a waterway from Basle to the sea at the end of April, is still practically without traffic.

"Hundreds of barges are waiting idly for cargo but there are no cargoes for them to carry. This is attributed here to the economic disorganization of Europe and the uncertainty as to the future of important territories for which the Rhine was formerly a vital artery."—Reuter.

Moscow, May 12.

The public of the Soviet Union learned yesterday of King Victor Emmanuel's abdication, but the news was published briefly, without comment and quoting Rome radio, the French press agency and other sources.—Associated Press.

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THE FLEETS IN

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Drastic United States Move Against Poland

WASHINGTON, MAY 12. ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE ACHESON ACCUSES THE POLISH GOVERNMENT OF FAILING TO LIVE UP TO THE POLITICAL COMMITMENTS IT MADE IN OBTAINING \$90,000,000 WORTH OF LOAN AND CREDIT HERE LAST MONTH.

HE STATED AT A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT THE CHARGE IS BASED ON TWO POINTS. DR. STEFAN LITAUER, POLISH EMBASSY, COUNSELLOR HERE, PROMPTLY DENIED ONE OF THE POINTS AND SAID THE OTHER ONE WAS DUE TO A TECHNICALITY WITHOUT POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE. MEANWHILE THE LOAN AND CREDIT ARE BEING SUSPENDED WHILE THE UNITED STATES INVESTIGATES FURTHER.

Acheson's first point was that an Associated Press dispatch filed in Warsaw on a speech made by a political leader there failed to get out of the country because of censorship (other officials identified it as a story by Larry Allen which was filed on April 27).

The story that day by Allen was received in New York and dealt with a Parliament speech by Stanislaw Banczyk, the Peasant Party leader, who accused the provisional government of following the road to totalitarianism. There was no indication of whether or not the story had

been cut or otherwise censored. Litauer stated that he could "categorically deny" that there is any censorship in Poland.

Not Published
The second point was the Polish government had failed to publish in Poland the text of the agreement showing the Polish people the commitment to the United States to uphold political freedom in Poland. Litauer said the reason for this was that the courier delivering the text to Warsaw arrived there only two days ago. The agreement was announced on April 24.

The credit suspension was ordered with the knowledge of Secretary of State Byrnes. It is one of the most drastic economic steps taken by the United States in an effort to obtain greater political freedom for the people in Soviet-dominated Eastern Europe.

Order Withdrawn
Larry Allen said in a May 1 dispatch describing the Polish censorship that the Polish secret police had countermanded the Foreign Ministry directive issued two weeks earlier declaring that all Polish censorship would be removed.

Allen said that both outgoing and incoming news is still subject to censorship. He quoted aides of Vice-Premier Mikolajczyk, who had been in opposition to the majority leaders in the Warsaw government, as saying that Mikolajczyk's newspaper had been censored 300 times within one month—Associated Press.

Germans Expelled
Warsaw, Poland, May 12. Poland expelled 107,000 Germans from Lower Silesia and 37,000 from Stettin during the month of March, all of them to Allied Zones within Germany.

Polish plans call for the expulsion of all Germans, except a number of skilled workers and technicians who will help with reconstruction plans, from Polish soil by July 15 of this year.—Associated Press.

Scientists Were Against Use Of At-Bomb

Chicago, May 11. Atomic scientists announced yesterday that two months before the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima a committee of scientists told the Secretary of War that America should not use the bomb first as a surprise attack on the Japanese.

They said that instead the scientists proposed "as a first step" a demonstration of the bomb to the nations of the world, including Japan, in an uninhabited locality. The committee report said the position was signed by 64 scientists and was sent direct to President Truman. A poll of 150 scientists opposed all-out use of the new bomb.

The scientists also said when the action was taken, the European war had ended and the danger of enemy countries developing the bomb first had disappeared.

They added: "The main conclusion reached by the committee was that the use of the bomb should be considered as a fateful political decision and not merely as a matter of military tactics. The committee felt that America should not first introduce the atomic bomb as a legitimate means of warfare, by using it for a surprise attack on Japan."—Associated Press.

Denmark To Buy British Aircraft

London, May 11. A twin motor transport plane, the Viking, will make a demonstration flight in Copenhagen on May 20 for the directors of the Danish airline. Danish airlines are interested in buying British material and the airlines director for the United Kingdom, Captain Vagn Christensen, took the plane up himself a week ago on a test flight. The plane, which will cost \$40,000, is able to make the trip from London to Copenhagen in three hours, one hour faster than the Douglas planes now being used. It can carry 21 passengers. It was further learned that the Danish airlines and the British Overseas Airways are fully booked for all flights to Copenhagen until the end of this month.—Associated Press.

British Handling Of Germany Criticised

Hanover, May 12. Doctor Kurt Schumacher, the newly elected president of the German Social Democratic Party, attacked the British system of appointing non-political civil servants to local administrative offices, in his closing address to the Social Democratic party congress in Hanover today.

"If the British intend to follow a system of such appointments," he said, "then the Meissner type will be continued into the fifth orb of German history." (Dr. Otto Lebrach Meissner, head of the German Chancery under the Social Democratic President Ebert, President Hindenburg and under Hitler, was credited with being instrumental in persuading Hindenburg to appoint Hitler as Chancellor).

"It is now only possible to see the general lines of Germany's conversion into a democratic state, but under the present circumstances it is impossible to work them out in detail," Schumacher added.

"If the German problem is not quickly settled by the occupying powers, then the party must seek to solve Socialist problems on a zonal basis." Earlier Dr. Schumacher was elected president of the party, receiving 244 out of a possible 250 votes.

Dr. Schumacher said that while the Social Democrats intended to remain strictly separate from the Socialist Unity party formed by the fusion of the Social Democrats and the Communists in the Russian zone of Occupation, the party would be prepared to co-operate in all common causes.

Reference to Russia
Referring to Russia, he said: "We have no reserve or omity towards the country which suf-

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Stockholm, May 12.
Argentina has ordered 10,000-000 cartridge cases from Swedish munition makers, according to reports in the Swedish press yesterday.

The order is reported to have been placed on Oct. 31 last year and will take 12 months to complete.

A Swedish Foreign Office spokesman declared that no export licenses for arms have been issued by the Swedish Government.—Associated Press.

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Humberto May Be Last King Of Italy

ROME, MAY 12.

THIS WEEK'S ABDICATION AND DEPARTURE OF KING VICTOR EMMANUEL STILL LEAVES THE ITALIANS TO CHOOSE ON JUNE 2 WHETHER TO RETAIN THEIR MONARCHY, THE ANCIENT HOUSE OF SAVOY, OR TO PROCLAIM A REPUBLIC.

KING HUMBERTO, WHO BECAME LIEUTENANT-GENERAL OF THE REALM WHEN HIS FATHER, THE KING, RETIRED TWO YEARS AGO, HAS NO GREAT PERSONAL FOLLOWING AND SOME MONARCHISTS SIGH "IF ONLY THE DUKE OF AOSTA WERE ALIVE TODAY."

The duke died in a British prisoner camp after fighting a long siege in Ethiopia.

However, the vote will not be one-sided. The monarchy, glowing over the Fascist era and the King's conduct, argue that the Crown is a unifying force capable of holding the nation together in the face of radically opposed political interests which tend, they say to ward chaos.

The armed forces, they add, would always be loyal to the crown, but who, in a republic, would be sure of their royalty in a dangerous political crisis? Nevertheless, the Republicans appear to have a slight majority. Italy emerged recently from five Sundays of local elections strikingly well balanced between right and left. Communist or Leftist combinations, are sure to cast for a Republic in the plebiscite.

For Generations

Also the powerful Christian Democratic Party recently voted through delegates to the National Congress for a resolution favouring a Republic. Political theories for and against the monarchy in Italy are manifold but most observers believe that the Italians, their country in ruins about them, will have the war in mind when they vote.

"The outcome will determine the destiny of Italy for generations," the veteran statesman, Count Curiel, declared.—Associated Press.

Ott Statement Denied

Tokyo, May 12.
General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters today denied the statement attributed to him by the former German Ambassador, Eugene Ott that "MacArthur promised to work for German reconstruction."

A spokesman said that General MacArthur "does not and has never known Ambassador Ott and has not talked to him. He made absolutely no such statement as attributed to him. There must be some mistake in the alleged quotation."

Ott, a former ambassador to Japan and puppet China, was arrested at Peking and returned to Tokyo. Colonel Harry Creswell, chief of Counter-Intelligence for General MacArthur, said that Ott has never been in custody here and is at present working with the prosecution section of the International Military Tribunal.

The downtown hotel where Ott is registered said that he left for the mountain resort of Hakone and is expected to return here on Tuesday.—Associated Press.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS**Arrivals**

Yesterday:—M.F.A. Fort Sandusky from Shanghai, H.M.S. Lagos from Shanghai, H.M.S. Ocean Way from Subic and H.M.S. Rome Head from Pratas.

Scheduled Arrivals

Today:—S.S. Salween from Singapore, S.S. Fukwang from Singapore, M.F.A. Wave Sovereign from Singapore, S.S. City of Lille from Shanghai, S.S. Topa Topa from Shanghai, M.F.A. Empire Damsel from Shanghai, H.M.S. Courier and H.M.S. Serene from exercise.

Tomorrow:—S.S. Helikon from Saigon.

Departures

Yesterday:—H.M.S. Armada for Saigon, U.S. L.S.T.'s 46, 72, 543, 559, 620, 632, 636 and 630, S.S. Haiyang for Swatow, S.S. Anhui for Swatow and S.S. Nuttalla for Shanghai.

Scheduled Departures

Today:—S.S. Yochow for Shanghai, U.S.S. Parks and S.S. Esang for Shanghai.
Tomorrow:—S.S. Kutsang for Singapore.

Republicans Demonstrate In Rome

Vatican City, May 12.
Pasquale Diana, Italian Ambassador to the Holy See, yesterday gave the Pope, a document signed by Umberto, announcing he was assuming the Italian throne with the title of King Umberto II.

Earlier yesterday the Romans staged a huge anti-Umberto demonstration that dwarfed the acclamation that Italy's new King received on Friday from the Monarchists.

An estimated 50,000 Republicans marched to the seat of the Government at Vittoriale Palace which was guarded by police with machine-guns.

"Shouting 'down with the King' the demonstrators filed past the police cordons in an orderly manner. Some of them carried red flags, and others Italian flags minus the cross of the House of Savoy.—Associated Press.

NO JOY RIDES IN JEEPS

Yokohama, May 11.
The Eighth Army Provost Marshal has cracked down on G.I.s with the order for rigid enforcement of regulations regarding military courtesy dress and putting an end to joy riding with Japanese girl friends in army jeeps.

Henceforth all jeeps in the Yokohama area will be checked to determine whether the Japanese women passengers are employees of the army on official business or are being transported by the Red Cross or special service officers to authorized social functions. Written authorization will be required. The Deputy Provost Marshal in Tokyo said the same rules will be enforced in that area.—Associated Press.

TREASON TRIAL

Lodz, May 12.
The Supreme State Tribunal, which will try those held responsible for Poland's "September, 1939, disaster" has established itself here. Tribunal members say everyone in the so-called "Sanacja" regime will be tried, most of them for treason.—Associated Press.

Herbert Morrison Off To Washington

LONDON, MAY 12.

MR. HERBERT MORRISON, LORD PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL IN THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT, LEFT HERE TONIGHT BY AIR FOR THE UNITED STATES, WHERE HE IS TO DISCUSS THE WORLD FOOD SITUATION WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN.

MR. MORRISON, WHO TOOK OFF FROM NORTHOLT AIRFIELD NEAR LONDON AT 8.30 p.m., SAID BEFORE HE LEFT: "I AM GOING OVER TO WASHINGTON TO TALK TO THE PRESIDENT ABOUT FOOD. IN SPITE OF ALL THAT HAS BEEN DONE BY THE BRITISH, UNITED STATES, CANADIAN, AUSTRALIAN AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO MOBILIZE SUPPLIES WE ARE STILL NOT WINNING THE BATTLE AGAINST A WORLD FAMINE.

"I know the food experts are doing all they can within the limits imposed on them. I shall discuss with the President (and I hope also with the Canadian Government) how we can widen those limits and give the drive against famine a higher priority."

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Free Hand

Mr. Morrison, who hopes to be in Washington by 10.00 a.m. tomorrow (American time) said that he expected to be in America about a week.

"I may look in at Ottawa on the way back," he said. "It is doubtful if I can manage it, but I shall do so if I have time."

"I have a reasonably free hand in the negotiations and I know what I am getting. If it is necessary, I shall be able to consult

London, but I don't want to be doing all they can within the limits imposed on them. I shall discuss with the President (and I hope also with the Canadian Government) how we can widen those limits and give the drive against famine a higher priority."

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With the departure of Mr. Morrison, seven members of the Cabinet of 20 are out of the country. The others are Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord Pethick-Lawrence, Secretary for India, who form the Cabinet Mission to India, Lord Stanhope, Secretary for Air, who is in Egypt, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, in Paris, and Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Minister of Education, recuperating in Switzerland.

Mr. Morrison will be joined in Washington by Major Christopher Mayhew, his parliamentary private secretary, J. Hensley, of the Ministry of Agriculture, and A. Woolen, a Ministry of Food statistician, who are going to America for the food and agricultural conference on May 20.—Reuter.

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SIMLA, MAY 12.
GLOOMY FORECASTS CAME FROM BOTH THE MOSLEM LEAGUE AND CONGRESS PARTY HEADQUARTERS THAT THE CONFERENCE ON INDIAN INDEPENDENCE WOULD BREAK DOWN "UNLESS A MIRACLE HAPPENS," DESPITE FACE TO FACE TALKS OF MAHOMED ALI JINNAH, HEAD OF THE LEAGUE, AND JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, CONGRESS PRESIDENT.

The congress wants a strong central government with dominion over all India and such things as foreign affairs, defence, communications and some aspects of taxation. The

Log Book As Evidence

Nuremberg, May 12.
The counsel for Karl Doenitz, the former German Grand Admiral and Naval Commander-in-Chief, today submitted as documentary evidence to the war crimes tribunal, extracts from a U-boat log book in support of the plea that the Glasgow ship Sheaf Mead was torpedoed without warning in 1940 and was a U-boat trap.

The log-book said it was questionable whether the Sheaf Mead sailed as a normal merchant ship because among other reasons there was "order and discipline on the part of the crew when the ship sank and afterwards."

Doenitz's counsel said that one slogan in U-boat warfare was "whoever depends on armed assistance must be prepared for attack."—Reuter.

Pensacola, Florida, May 12.
Twenty-seven naval aviators were killed when two giant four-engine navy bombers collided near the Florida and Alabama border during practice manoeuvres.—Associated Press.

Reynaud And Daladier To Stand For Parliament

Paris, May 12.
The second general election campaign in France since General de Gaulle entered liberated Paris in August, 1944 got into full swing this weekend with thousands of political meetings all over the country.

The Communist Party led off on Friday night with a 20,000 mass meeting in the Paris covered cycle race-track, the Velodrome de Hiver.

The first published list of official parliamentary candidates include former Premier Paul Reynaud and former Premier Edouard Daladier. The veteran Socialist leader, Leon Blum, now Ambassador Extraordinary in the United States, is not standing, the Socialist Party headquarters state.

Among other interesting names spoken as new parliamentary candidates are those of General Giraud, de Gaulle's one time rival leader in the provisional French Government in Algiers, and Kaven de Gaulle, General Charles de Gaulle's brother, who is the French Consul in Switzerland.

The contest promises to be fierce with intense efforts by the Socialists and the Movement Republican Populaire (Progressive Catholics) to move the Communists out of position of being the largest single party in the Assembly.

In the present Assembly, the Communists have 162 deputies, plus nine "near Communists," MRP Catholics have 151, and the Socialists have 141. The Conservatives have 97 and Radicals 25. Both are confident that they will improve their numerical strength in the new parliament.

Do Gaulle Refuses
General Charles de Gaulle has absolutely refused all entreaties offered by certain politicians, notably the Conservative Party, known as the Republican Party movement to re-enter parliamentary politics.

His refusal last Tuesday to attend the official victory celebrations in Paris on Sunday, in a letter to the Premier, Felix Gouin, and his announcement that he intended to spend Sunday commemorating Victory Day at the tomb of "Tiger" Clomenceau—the man who led France to victory in the first World War—caused something of a sensation in French

SPORTS SECTION

Decisive English Soccer Victory

(By Vernon Morgan, Reuter's Sports Editor)

STAMFORD BRIDGE, MAY 11.
ENGLAND BEAT SWITZERLAND COMFORTABLY BY FOUR GOALS TO ONE BEFORE 75,000 SPECTATORS IN SUMMERLIKE WEATHER HERE THIS AFTERNOON, AFTER BEING ONE GOAL DOWN TWELVE MINUTES AFTER THE INTERVAL.

THOUSANDS ARRIVED ON THE CHELSEA GROUND SOME HOURS BEFORE THE START OF THE GAME. THE POLICE TOOK SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS TO DEAL WITH THE CROWD.

Some Swiss supporters were red and white rosettes and caps with the Swiss red cross emblazoned on them.

The Swiss team were E. Ballabio, goal; R. Gyger and W. Steffen, back; R. Springer, F. Andreoli and J. Courtat, halves; and A. Bickel, W. Pink, L. Amado (captain), H. P. Friedlaender and J. Paton, forwards.

Both teams received a great ovation from the crowd and Amado, the Swiss captain, carried with the ball a small pennant with the Swiss colours. The players were presented to the Swiss Minister, M. Suegger, and to Mr. Noel Baker, Minister of State. Then the whole crowd of 75,000, stood to attention during the playing of the national anthems of both countries.

Carter started England's first attack in which movement Courtat was injured and limped off the field. Ricknback, sitting on the touchline, who was the reserve, came out as substitute.

Matthews scored Ricknback and Carter soon tested Ballabio with the Swiss keeper saving another fierce drive soon after. Johnson then attempted to score and fully tested Ballabio with a ground shot. The Swiss goal was playing a good game and drew crowds of applause.

Lawton Effort
Later, Lawton got his head to a centre from Matthews but the ball soared over the bar. The Swiss took shoulder charges well and were not slow in responding. Their skill was equal to that of England's and their defensive formation threw the home forwards off their game. Gyger, however, once kicked off his own goal-line in the melee.

England were long in settling down and it was not until ten minutes from half-time that the hopes of the home supporters were roused. Then Matthews beat two men only for Lawton to head his centre inches outside the posts. After Lawton again threatened, the play was carried to the other end when Friclaender kicked wide when only five yards out. Switzerland fully deserved to be on terms at half-time which arrived without score.

Upon resumption, with the wind at their backs, the Swiss attacked at once. Bickel shot and Swift, England's keeper, fisted out magnificently. England then got going again, Lawton again going near the goal when the Swiss were one when Bickel shot past.

Swift as the goal-keeper tried to intercept. The Swiss supporters "raised the roof" with their roars.

England Wake Up
This setback stirred the English team and after the kick-off the home forwards swept down with Carter letting go a through shot from 15 yards, which Ballabio held.

In the 64th minute, England got on terms when Smith and Lawton combined before passing to Carter who netted with a flashing left-foot drive, which Ballabio touched but could not stop. Caps and hats were thrown into the air.

Springer then had to go off for a short while with head wounds but returned. As soon as he came back, England took the lead with only ten minutes to go.

From a free kick by Matthews to Lawton, England's centre-forward put it across to inside-left Brown who headed through. Two minutes later, England went further ahead when Lawton scored after a Matthews-Lawton combination.

Swift Shines
Five minutes from time Carter got his second and England's fourth. The Swiss collapse was sudden and unexpected, leaving England worthy winners by four goals to one.

On the English side, apart from Lawton, the home team was best served by the goalkeeper, Swift, who played one of his finest games by right-half Wright and Carter. The English selectors must have been delighted that they brought back into the side Carter, for without him, England, even with Lawton, might never have won. By this victory, England gained a revenge for the two recent defeats

BRITAIN OUT OF DAVIS CUP

Paris, May 11.

Franco beat Britain in the Davis Cup here today. Bernard Detremont and Marcel Bernhart of France beat John Olliff and Henry Billington of Britain by 13-11, 4-6, 7-5 and 6-1 in the doubles of the Davis Cup.

Having won the two singles yesterday, France now meets Switzerland in the next round. In the first set of today's match, Britain led by 5-2 and then lost three games in a row. The games went with service to 11-11 before France broke through to win.

Britain heartened her supporters with a second set win and made a grim fight in the third, in which scores alternated to service until France, losing two set points in the 12th game, eventually broke Olliff's service to win and then had an easy passage through the fourth set.

China Wins
In Copenhagen, China through Kho Sin-kie and Choy won the doubles against Denmark in the first round of the Davis Cup tie today, and having won two singles yesterday, is qualified to meet the winners of the Monaco versus Belgium tie in the second stage.

China lost the opening set today by 5-7 but then ran out with 6-4, 7-5 and 6-2 for victory.

Belgium Lead
In Brussels, Belgium won two singles to zero against Monaco in the first round of the Davis Cup tie, which opened today.

The winner of the tie meet China in the next round, the latter having made sure of victory against Denmark today.

Sweden Through
At Stockholm, Sweden beat Holland in the tennis doubles today and having won two singles yesterday, they pass into the next round of the Davis Cup tournament, where they meet Eire.

Lennart Bergelin, the Swedish champion, partnered by Torsten Johansson, beat the Dutch pair Ivo van Zwol and Hans Kinkel, by 6-4, 4-6, 7-5 and 6-2.

As the tie has been decided, it was agreed to cancel the two remaining singles due to be played tomorrow.

Aussie Stars
Two exhibition games in Sydney today between Australia's four top ranking tennis players finished all square.

John Bromwich, number one player in Australia, finished 6-3, 4-6 against Adrian Quist; and Denny Pails, who is coming to Wimbledon this summer ended his match with Geoff Brown (number four in Australian rankings) 6-2 and 4-6.—Reuter.

RECORDS BROKEN
Prague, May 12.
A Czech walker, Balsan, broke three world records in one day when training for the forthcoming international walking meeting between Czechoslovakia, Sweden and Norway.

His new times were: Three kilometres (one and seven eighths miles) 11 minutes and 37 seconds. (The previous record was 12 minutes and two seconds).

Five kilometres (three and one eighth miles) 19 minutes and 53 seconds. (The previous record was 20 minutes and 31 seconds).

Ten kilometres (six and a quarter miles) 41 minutes and 57 seconds. The previous record was 42 minutes and 31 seconds, by Balsan himself.—Reuter.

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1st No. 4288 \$12,288
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3rd " 389 1,766
Unplaced ponies Nos. 8115, 1809 and 652 \$100 each.

Brilliant Batting In Match At Oval

(By Leasia Constantine, Reuter's Special Correspondent)

LONDON, MAY 11.
BRILLIANT BATTING BY GUL MAHOMED AND MERCHANT, ACTING AS CAPTAIN IN THE ABSENCE OF THE NAWAB OF PATAUDI, AND A STUBBORN LAST WICKET STAND BY SARWATE AND BANNERJEE, SAVED INDIA AGAINST SURREY AT THE OVAL HERE TODAY.

WHEN THE FIRST TWO WICKETS FELL WITH ONLY TWO RUNS SCORED, INDIA WERE STRUGGLING FROM THE START BUT THE LAST PAIR WERE STILL BATTING AT TEA WITH THE SCORE AT 263.

After Hazare and Modi were each dismissed for a duck, Mahomed joined his captain and refused to be upset by the state of the game. These two completely mastered the Surrey attack.

Merchant used his wrist well to turn the fast bowlers to leg and his late cuts were perfectly timed. He batted nearly two hours and looked well set when he tried to drive a slow off-break and missed the ball, a few minutes before lunch. Mahomed played his best cricket before the interval. His cover drives were reminiscent of the world's best left-handers.

Eventually bowled by a very good ball, Mahomed batted for three hours, and five minutes and hit ten fours in his 89, the highest innings of the tour so far.

Besler Twins
Until the last pair were in, none of the batsmen looked comfortable against the fast-in-swingers of the fast-medium bowler, A. V. Besler, who bowled with plenty of life on a pitch that did not give him much help. Besler is one of the Surrey twins of whom much is expected this season.

They had played only two first class matches before the war. Many experts consider A. V. Besler as a future England bowler. He not only started India's troubles by taking the first two wickets but bowled well throughout.

Parker also sent down many good balls. He bowled medium paced off-breaks.

The ninth wicket fell at 205. Then Sarwate and Bannerjee proved the bowling not so deadly by sharing in the second best stand of the innings. Both looked completely at ease.

Fighting Spirit
Bannerjee has borne out my earlier remark that he deserves a higher place in the batting order, but the Indian captain has an abundance of batting talent at his disposal and must be in a dilemma to decide who to send in.

The Indians showed their fighting qualities during the day and in the warmer weather coming late in the afternoon showed the best form to date.

They proved without doubt that they are a complete batting side.

That last wicket stand was a great effort and I imagine Surrey must have been glad when the close came and will be wondering how long they will be kept in the field on Monday.

Close Of Play
At the close of play, cricket scores today were:
At the Oval: Indians 393 for 9 against Surrey.
Lancashire 264. Gloucestershire 47 for 2.
Northamptonshire 383. Middlesex 18 for 0.
Kent 250. Nottinghamshire 66 for 5.
Hampshire 846. Worcestershire to bat.
Glamorgan 116. Yorkshire 165 for 6.
Somerset 237. Essex 130 for 6.—Reuter.

RUGBY LEAGUE
London, May 12.
Rugby League Championship. Semi-final results: Huddersfield 13 Wakefield Trinity 3. Wigan 13 Bradford Northern 4.

Rugby League: Bramley 6 Hull 22. Hull Kingston Rovers 11 Broughton Rangers 11. Salford 8 Oldham 25. Workington 11 Halifax 0.—Reuter.

GIANTS WIN
New York, May 12.
The New York Giants ruined the Boston Braves' major league floodlight baseball debut on Saturday night by winning, 6 to 1. The score:

New York 6
Boston 1
—Associated Press.

ABERDEEN BEAT RANGERS

Glasgow, May 12.
Proving better at mastering hard ground conditions in summer-like weather at Hampden Park, Aberdeen won the Scottish League Cup final by 3-2 against the League champions, Glasgow Rangers.

Aberdeen gained a two goal lead in the first half and was always in front from the time Baird headed through the first minute. Williams crashed in the second, 19 minutes later.

The Rangers tried hard to save the game afterwards but their goals from Duncanson and Thornton were not enough when Taylor scored the third for Aberdeen.—Reuter.

RADIO
MONDAY, MAY 13, 1946.
STUDIO—"TAMAR'S CHOICE."

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 640 Kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., 8.00 to 8.15 p.m., and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m., also on 9.52 Megacycles.

H.K.C.
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—Casual Club Orchestra.
12.45 p.m.—"Donald Peers"—Cavalier of Song—ENSA.
1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.
1.10 p.m.—Chabrier—Cotton—Ballet Musio—Ensa.
1.35 p.m.—D.D.C. Symphony Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.30 p.m.—Mantovani & His Orchestra.
7.00 p.m.—Ivor Morgan & Dave Kaye on Two Pianos.
7.20 p.m.—Interlude.
7.30 p.m.—Studio—"Tamar's Choice."
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.
8.15 p.m.—A Variety Programme.
8.40 p.m.—Jack Payne & His Orchestra and Sam Brown (Vocal).
9.00 p.m.—"Services Music Hall"—ENSA.
9.30 p.m.—Half An Hour with Noel Coward.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.
10.05 p.m.—Ellen Joyce (Piano) & Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone).
10.30 p.m.—Gilbert & Sullivan Excerpts.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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MONDAY, MAY 13th—0600
Music On The Air: 0630 The News and Home News (BBC); 0645 Morning Star; 0700 SEAC Hit Parade; 0730 Light Orchestra Concert (BBC); 0800 The News and Home News; 0815 Personal Call; 0845 BBC Theatre Orchestra (BBC); 0930 The News and Home News; 0940 Programme Announcements; 0945 8 Boys and a Girl; 1000 Biographical and Shining (BBC); 1030 Fanfare; 1100 News Headlines; 1101 Voices In Harmony; 1115 The Will Hay Show; 1145 Rhythm In The Sun; 1200 News Headlines; 1201 Yours For The Airing; 1300 Hollywood By Starlight; 1330 The News (BBC); 1340 Bandstand; 1400 Globe Trot; 1430 Over To America; 1500 Three O'clock Special—"A Song To Remember"; 1530 Music With A Lift; 1600 Programme For West African Forces; 1630 The News and Home News (BBC); 1645 Keyboard Club; 1715 India and Ceylon Half Hour; 1745 Sporting World; 1800 Radio SEAC World and Home News; 1805 Heard Melodies App Sweet; 1900 In Concert Style; 1930 Music From The Movies; 2000 Monday Swing; 2030 Radio 1 News; 2045 Programme Announcements; 2050 Forces Favourites (BBC); 2130 The News and "From Today's Papers" (BBC); 2145 At Ease; 2200 Walsh Half Hour (BBC); 2230 Close Down.

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